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1. In that part of the Istrian Territory ceded to Yugoslavia, the purge of members of the local People's Committees and other similar organizations is continuing. It seems, according to rumors, that the Croatian-Slovene Administration of the Zone will be abolished and replaced by an autonomous one, formed of elements from the local population.
2. A clandestine printing shop was discovered at Pola recently. Three persons were arrested, while a fourth evaded arrest. Thousands of anti-Yugoslav Government propaganda leaflets were seized on this occasion. Every night, and sometimes even at daytime, such leaflets are spread around the town or pasted on the walls. Besides promoting anti-Government propaganda, they invite the people to join the underground forces, do sabotage work, arm themselves and get ready for the "forthcoming Revolution". Members of the various People's Committee and of other organizations have been arrested. As a result of this, the prisons in Pola are overcrowded and the cells that once used to hold an average of four to five persons today hold as many as 25 and even 30 prisoners.

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